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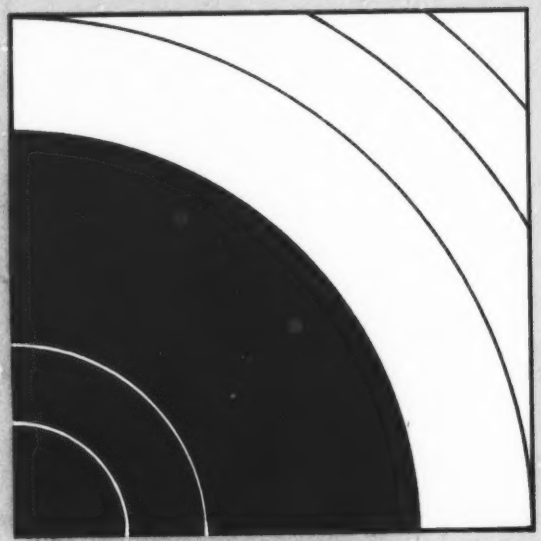

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The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) announces the availability of National Hospital Discharge Survey (NHDS) data for 1985, 1986, and 1987 on floppy diskettes. NHDS is one of the major NCHS surveys and the source of current and trend detailed data on hospitalization in the United States.

For the first time, NHDS data are being made available to users on floppy diskettes. Data on diskettes offer microcomputer users the opportunity to manipulate, analyze, and display data using standard software packages. NHDS diskettes contain data on hospital utilization by age and sex of patient and geographic region of the hospital for conditions diagnosed and surgical and nonsurgical procedures performed. Data on hospital discharges by diagnosis-related groups also are presented. Population rates also can be calculated. All data are crossed by four age groups or sex or regions. The data diskettes are intended as an information source for researchers and others who need data for detailed diagnostic, procedure, and DRG categories but do not need the record-level detail provided by the entire data tape.

Description of Diskette and Data Source

The data diskettes and documentation provide an easy one-step automated access to a wide range of statistics on hospitalization produced by the survey. The data diskettes are a complete package including software for accessing the database files, for computing rates of selected populations, and for creating smaller files for use with other software packages. The database files on these diskettes were developed by downloading specifically created text files similar to the detailed tables shown in *Vital and Health Statistics*, Series 13, "Detailed Diagnoses and Procedures for Patients Discharged from Short-Stay Hospitals, United States".

The NHDS consists of data abstracted from the face sheets of the medical records for sampled inpatients discharged from a national sample of non-Federal short-stay hospitals and are weighted to produce national and regional estimates. Approximately 500 hospitals and 190,000 records are included in the sample each year.

Composition

First-listed Diagnoses
Procedures
DRG Discharges
Days of Care
DRG-Days of Care

All-listed Diagnoses (additional file upon request)

Hardware and Software Requirements

A. Minimum Computer Hardware Requirements
   - 640K RAM
   - IBM compatible computer

B. Software Requirements
   - PC/MS DOS release 2.0 or higher
   - Multi-year data access system software included
   - dBASE III files (low density-360K)

To order the NHDS diskettes contact:

National Technical Information Service
5285 Port Royal Road
Springfield, Virginia 22161
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The NHDS data disk set consists of five disks and printed documentation. It must be ordered as a set; the price is $175.00 per set. (All-listed files for each year are an additional $50.00.)

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